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C.I.A. QUERIED ON TIE TO LOCKHEED AGENT

WASHINGTON, April 8 (Reuters)—Secretary of Commerce Elliot L. Richardson said today he had asked the Central Intelligence Agency to investigate whether there had been any links between it and the DLockheed Aircraft Corporation's agent in Japan, Yoshio Kodama.

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Mr. Richardson told the Senate Banking Committee he had asked for the information because of allegations of a connection between the C.I.A. and Mr. Kodama, who is a central figure in the inquiry under way in Japan paying out \$200 million at least \$22 million of it in briges, in countries such as Japan and the Netherlands. Some of the money allegedly went to officials.

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Mr. Richardon said he made the request as chairman of the President's Task Force on Foreign Corporate Payments, a commission just set up to recommend steps to stop payments abroad to promote overseas sales.

The C.I.A. has not yet supplied the information.

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